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SUBJ: LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER GEORGALAS

- 1. LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE MET FEBRUARY 6 FOR NEARLY AN HOUR AND A HALF WITH UNDERSECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER (AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN) GEORGALAS. STAFF DEL QUESTIONS WERE SHAPP AND GEORGALAS' REPLIES CLEAR AND TO THE POINT. ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED. BUT GEORGALAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT FELT NO OBLIGATION TO DEFEND ITS ACTIONS AND THAT HE WAS TALKING TO THEM AS A MATTER OF COURTESY. GEORGALAS REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON DATE FOR ENDING MARTIAL LAW AND LAID DOWN FIVE PRECONDITIONS BEFORE ELECTIONS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. NEARLY ALL OF GEORGALAS' COMMENTS WERE OF INTEREST TO STAFF DEL. AND THEY WILL BE OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AS WELL. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE REPORTING THEM IN SOME DETAIL.
- 2. GEORGALAS TOLD STAFF DEL THAT GREEK INTERNAL SITUATION WAS EXCLUSIVE CONCERN OF GREECE BUT HE WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. CONGRESS BECAUSE OF GREAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GREECE AND AMERICA AND WHAT AMERICA HAD DONE FOR GREECE SINCE WORLD WAR II. GEORGALAS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE OPENING STATEMENT AND THEN WOULD ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS STAFF DEL MIGHT HAVE. (THROUGHOUT MEETING GEORGALAS SHOWED COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND LEFT NO DOUBT THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FOR GREEK GOVERNMENT.)
- 3. GEORGALAS SAID ARMY COMPELLED INTERVENE IN 1967 BECAUSE RIGHT HAD LOST MANDATE OF PEOPLE AND CENTER PROVED INCAPABLE OF GOVERNING. THE GOAL OF ARMY'S INTERVENTION WAS ESTABLISH-Approved For Release 2006/09/25: CIA-RDP73B00296R000200030045-8

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A. PER CAPITA INCOME WOULD HAVE TO BE RAISED TO ADEQUATE LEVEL, WHICH WOULD BE IN NEGHBORHOOD OF \$1.100. REGIME RECOGNIZED THAT A COMPLETELY EGALITARIAN SOCIETY COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED IN GREECE. BUT GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR WOULD HAVE TO BE NARROWED. IN REPLY TO QUESTION. GEORGALAS SAID REACHING THIS GOAL WOULD TAKE TWO TO THREE YEARS.

B. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A HEALTHY POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. THIS WOULD

REQUIRE NEW MEN. NEW PARTIES, AND NEW INSTITUTIONS. THIS PROCESS ALREADY UNDER WAY.

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- C. IN SOCIAL SPHERE. GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL POLICY. PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF HEALTH SERVICES. GOVERNMENT NOW MEETING REGULARLY ON QUESTION OF SYSTEM TO ADOPT.
- D. GOVERNMENT MACHINERY WOULD HAVE TO BE OVERHAULED SO THAT EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF CIVIL SERVICE WAS NOT DISRUPTED AS IN PAST BY EACH CHANGE IN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.
- E. FINALLY. ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. WHICH WAS IN CHAOS PRIOR TO REVOLUTION. WOULD HAVE TO BE REFORMED.
- 4. WHEN "SUFFICIENT" PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN ALL THESE AREAS. SAID GEORGALAS. ELECTIONS COULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT GRAVE DANGER TO THE NATION. EVEN WHILE WORK CONTINUED ON THESE GOALS. GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING DELIBERATE STEPS TOWARDS CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION. MOST IMPORTANT STEPS SO FAR WERE PLEBISCITE ON 1968 CONSTITUTION. COMPLETION OF INSTITUTIONAL LAWS. AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF GREEK PEOPLE IN DEMOCRACY. SUCH EDUCATION WOULD HARDLY BE TAKING PLACE IF REGIME INTENDED TO HOLD ONTO POWER INDEFINITELY.
- 5. FOLLOWING THIS OPENING STATEMENT, STAFF DEL SAID THEY APPRECIATED THAT GREEK INTERNAL SITUATION WAS MATTER FOR GREEKS TO DECIDE. BUT THAT THEIR COMMITTEE HAD SOME BASIC

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SELF BEEN ARRESTED FOR COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN 1948 AND HELD FOR 30 DAYS WITHOUT ACCESS TO LAWYER. STAFF DEL ASKED HOW LONG MILITARY POLICE COULD NOW HOLD DETAINED PERSONS, AND

GEORGALAS REPLIED THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, INDEFINITELY. TO PUT MATTER INTO PERSPECTIVE, SAID GEORGALAS, STAFF DEL MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT FORMER PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT

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- 8. TURNING TO POLITICAL DETAINEES, GEORGALAS STATED 350 COMMUNISTS STILL UNDER DETENTION, 65 PERSONS EXILED TO VARIOUS VILLAGES, AND APPROXIMATELY 350 PERSONS HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF SPECIFIC CRIMINAL ACTS OF A POLITICAL NATURE AND WERE CURRENTLY SERVING PRISON SENTENCES. BY END OF APRIL, ALL PERSONS IN FIRST TWO CATEGORIES WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED. PERSONS DETAINED WERE HELD UNDER LAW DATING FROM 1924, WHICH HAD BEEN USED BY EVERY GOVERNMENT SINCE THAT TIME. WHEN DETAINEES RELEASED IN APRIL, IT WOULD BE FIRST TIME SINCE 1924 THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ADMINISTRATIVELY DETAINED PERSONS IN GREECE. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY TO RENEW ICRC AGREEMENT, BESIDES FACT THAT AGREEMENT INFRINGED GREECE'S NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. GOG HAD AGREED TO ICRC PRESENCE FOR ONE YEAR TO PUT AN END TO FALSE REPORTS OF TORTURE, WHICH IT HAD EFFECTIVELY DONE.
- 9. STAFF DEL WANTED TO KNOW JUST WHAT ETHNOS HAD DONE TO WARRANT SERVE SENTENCES AGAINST PUBLISHERS AND EDITOR. GEORGALAS SAID THAT ARTICLE BY FORMER POLITICIAN ZIGDIS, WHO ALSO IMPRISONED, HAD IMPLIED THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD PLOTTED TO OVERTHROW MAKARIOS AND SELL OUT CYPRUS TO TURKEY. ARTICLE HAD ALSO IMPLIED THAT GREEK PEOPLE FOR THIS REASON SHOULD OVERTHROW GREEK GOVERNMENT. (STAFF DEL TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER AFTERWARDS THAT THEY HAD SEEN ZIGDIS ARTICLE AND FOUND THIS INTERPRETATION FARFETCHED.)
- 12. STAFF DEL SAID IN ADDITION TO QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMITTEE WAS INTERESTED IN ASSURANCES ON RETURN TO PARLIA-MENTARY DEMOCRACY. LOWENSTEIN THEN READ EXCERPT FROM SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS IN WHICH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT WOULD KEEP ITS WORD ON FULLY IMPLEMENTING CONSTITUTION BY END OF 1972. GEORGALAS SAID HE COULD STATE THAT NO PUBLIC ASSURANCES GIVEN TO U.S. OR ANYONE ELSE; IF ANY PRIVATE ASSURANCES GIVEN THEY WERE UNKNOWN TO HIM. STAFF DEL ASKED HOW, IF THIS WAS THE CASE, HE WOULD EXPLAIN DAVIES' STATEMENT. GEORGALAS SHRUGGED OFF THIS QUESTION WITH REMARK INDICATING THIS WAS U.S. AND NOT GREEK PROBLEM. STAFF DEL ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN

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PAGE 03 ATHENS 00625 Ø2 OF Ø3 Ø81753Z ANY KIND OF TIMETABLE. GEORGALAS REPLIED PIPINELIS HAD SUB-MITTED TIMETABLE TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE BUT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTED. AND GREECE HAD WITHDRAWN FROM COUNCIL. TIMETABLE WAS THEREFORE NOT VALID. EVEN IF TIMETABLE HAD BEEN ACCEPTED, IT WOULD NOT BE LEGALLY BINDING BUT WAS NO MORE THAN STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S AIMS.

11. FOLLOWING THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING, GEORGALAS MADE CESERVATION THAT ADMITTEDLY REGIME HAD ATTRIBUTES OF A DICTATORSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, GOVERNMENT HAD EVERY INTENTION OF RETURNING TO PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. WHILE SURFACE APPEARANCE MIGHT BE TOTALITARIAN, THIS NOT ACTUALLY THE CASE. REGIME HAD NO DOGMA LIKE FASCISM OR COMMUNISM. IT OWNED NO NEWSPAPERS AND THERE NO OBLIGATORY YOUTH CORPS. THESE WERE MARKS OF TRUE DICTATORSHIP. HE COULD ALSO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF FOUNDING NEW TYPE OF POLITICAL PARTY. PRIME MINISTER MEANT TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC SITUATION, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEMOCRACY SUITABLE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS. IT WOULD BE BASED ON GREEK TRADITIONS AND WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FACT THAT GREECE IS BORDERED BY THREE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. .

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SUBJ: REACTION TO LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE VISIT

DESPITE EVANS/NOVAK COLUMN ON JAN 31, GREEF PRESS DID NOT MENTION LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE VISIT UNTIL AFTERNOON OF FEB 2. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, STORY HAS GAINED MOMENTUM. FIRST STORY BASED ON REUTERS REPORT AND PARTS OF EVANS/NOVAK COLUMN. FULL DETAILS OF EVANS/NOVAK COLUMN APPEARED FEB 3, AND IT WAS NOTED THAT LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH UNDERSECRETARY FORN AFFAIRS PALAMAS AS WELL AS SOME PER SONALITIES FROM OLD POLITICAL WORLD. AFTERNOON OF FEB 3 FAR-RIGHT ESTIA ATTACKED VISIT ON GROUNDS THAT AMERICAN ARMS ASSISTANCE SERVED AMERICAN INTERESTS AND IN ANY CASE AID INSUFFICIENT. ESTIA SAID THAT INSTEAD OF GREECE TELLING LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE WHAT IS BEING DONE IN WAY OF DEMOCRATIZATION, "THEY SHOULD TELL US WHAT UNITED STATES IS DOING TO STRENGTHEN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AS WELL AS LAW AND ORDER IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN".

2. ON FEB 4 OPPOSITION VIMA REPORTED THAT LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE HAD MET WITH FORMER PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT PAPASPYROU, FORMER PRIM MIN KANELLOPOULOS AND GEORGE MAUROS. (THIS FIRST EMBASSY KNEW OF THESE MEETINGS.) VIMA SAID STAFF DEL TOLD EMBASSY THEY WANTED TO SEE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT AND CERTAIN REPRESENTATIVES OF OLD POLITICAL WORLD. VIMA WENT ON THE SAY "ACCORDING TO RESPONSIBLE

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Ø41752Z PAGE 02 ATHENS 00580 AMERICAN CIRCLES, US EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THE CONTACTS OF THE PERSONS SENT BY THE COMMITTEE". THIS AFTERNOON APOVEVMATINI, ALONG WITH OTHER AFTERNOON PAPERS, CARRIED PROMINENT ARTICLE ON VISIT WHICH INCLUDED "MESSRS. LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE HAVE INSTALLED THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN THE GRANDE BRETAGNE HOTEL AND ARE MAKING THEIR CONTACTS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AMERICAN ALL INDICATIONS, BEFORE THEY CAME TO GREECE EMBASSY. FROM THEY WERE FURNISHED BY WASHINGTON WITH A LIST OF PERSONS WITH WHOM TO MEET. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SEEMS NOT TO KNOW OF THEIR CONTACTS AND IS AVOIDING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE INITIATIVES OF THE VISITORS SO THAT IT WILL NOT SEEM THAT THE EMBASSY IS TRYING TO 'DIRECT' THEM. THE SENSITIVITY OF THE EMBASSY IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS OF INVESTIGATION OF THE TWO PERSONS SENT BY THE COMMITTEE IS THE ROLE OF MR. TASCA IN GREEK AFFAIRS.

- 3. COMMENT: SEEMS THAT SINCE PRESS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN MUCH INFORMATION ON WHOM STAFF DEL SEEING, THEY HAVE DEDUCED THAT EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN MAKING ANY APPOINTMENTS FOR THEM. ON OTHER HAND, COMMENT TO THIS EFFECT WHICH ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN VIMA AND ATTRIBUTED TO RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN CIRCLES HAS NOW APPEARED IN IDENTICAL WORDING IN OTHER PAPERS. USIS INFORMED PAPERS LAST NIGHT IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES THAT WE HAD MADE SOME APPOINTMENTS FOR STAFF DEL AND THEY HAD MADE SOME ON THEIR OWN. PAPERS TODAY, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT CARRIED THIS CLARIFICATION AND ARE CONTINUING TO EMPHASIZE LACK OF CONTACT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND STAFF DEL.
- 4. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT EFFECT THIS TYPE OF PUBLICITY WILL HAVE ON GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE, BUT WE HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE TRIED TO DENY THAT PALAMAS HAD SEEN THEM. AND ALTHOUGH VISIT HAS ONLY TWO MORE DAYS TO RUN, WE HAVE STILL HAD NO REPLY FROM PRIME MIN'S OFFICE ON WHETHER HE WILL SEE THEM AS PALAMAS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED. LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE ARE, HOWEVER, SEEING EDUCATION MIN SIORIS THIS AFTERNOON. THIS HAS SO FAR BEEN THEIR ONLY CONTACT WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT OUTSIDE OF FORN MIN. GP-3